

SUMMARY MINUTES
DAVIS POND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING #5
February 11, 2003
ST CHARLES PARISH COURTHOUSE

1. Committee members in attendance:

Garrett Broussard, LDNR
Marnie Winter, Jefferson Parish
Allen Bolotte, NRCS
Deane Blanchard , for Kerry St. Pe', BTNEP
David Ogé, LDEQ
Jeanene Peckham, EPA
Rachel Sweeney, NMFS
Greg Laiche for Heather Finley, LDWF
Bruce Baird, USACE
David Walther , USFWS
Lonnie Serpas, Plaquemines Parish
Albert Laque, St. Charles Parish
Marnie Winter, Jefferson Parish
Bruce Champion, Dept. of Health & Hospitals
Gene Adams, Shrimp Fisheries Upper Basin
Levi Brunet, Shrimp Fisheries Lower Basin
Randy Gros, Recreational Fisheries

2. Approved minutes of previous meeting.

3. Jack Fredine gave status of work on Davis Pond. The ponding area was not draining properly and consequently threatening bottomland hardwoods present so actions were being taken to improve this. These actions included additional cuts in gabion and guide levees and pushing down of the rock weir. The west guard levee was degrading and vinyl sheet pile was being installed to reinforce it. The land in front of the gabion seemed to be jacking up as a result of diversion flows. Models did not project this elevation problem. He stated that work on Davis Pond was 80% complete in order to resume operation.

4. David Elmore from Technical Workgroup outlined pulsing recommendations in regards to the operations plan. He said that regular flow required would be greater than pulses suggested. He gave recommendation for first part of resolution but not the second. He mentioned that traditionally the river would not be high enough o divert water 1 out of 10 years.

5. Rachel Sweeney put specific request that pulsing requests be put in writing 30 days prior to meeting.

6. Bruce Baird recommended regular operation for 2-3 years before pulsing in order to get better idea of regular conditions.

7. Motion to accept operational plan with attachment but proposal #2 stricken. Motion passed.

8. Suggestions to study salinity effects on the shrimp fishery.

9. Suggestions that Dr. Day's pulse proposal should be comprehensive and include literature review and fisheries recommendations.

10. Note: proposed leaky levee across Barataria as hurricane protection